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SUBJ: VISIT OF SOUTH KOREAN OFFICIALS TO SANAA

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1. WE PASSED ON TO KOREAN EMBASSY CHARGE HO (IN THE ABSENCE FROM THE COUNTRY OF THE AMBASSADOR AND MINISTER KANG), AMBASSADOR SCOTES' INVITATION FOR MINISTER KANG AND ASSISTANT MINISTER TONG TO COME TO THE RESIDENCE FOR A TALK ON JUNE 5.

2. HO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION BUT SAID THAT THE EMBASSY HAD BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN VISAS FOR THE TWO MEN TO VISIT THE YAR. THE REASON GIVEN BY THE YAR EMBASSY FOR NOT ISSUING VISAS WAS THAT "THE PRESIDENT, THE PRIME MINISTER, THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND EVERYONE ELSE THEY WOULD WANT TO SEE WILL BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY INVOLVED WITH PREPARATIONS FOR THE ARAB SUMMIT MEETING AND THERE IS THEREFORE NO SENSE IN THE SOUTH KOREANS COMING TO THE YAR AT THIS TIME." THE YAR EMBASSY HERE SUGGESTED THEY TRY LATER FOR A VISIT IN JULY.

3. CHARGE HO FINDS THIS REASON FOR NON-ISSUANCE OF VISAS SOMEWHAT FISHY. WE AGREE. CHARGE HO ASKED IF OUR EMBASSY IN SANAA WOULD BE WILLING TO RAISE WITH THE YAR FOREIGN MINISTRY OR AN APPROPRIATE PERSON IN THE YARG THE INABILITY

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OF THE KOREAN DELEGATION TO OBTAIN VISAS FROM THE YAR

EMBASSY HERE. CHARGE HO SAID THAT THEY HAD ENCOUNTERED
THIS RELUCTANCE TO ISSUE VISAS IN THE PAST AND THAT AMEMBASSY
SANAA HAD BEEN HELPFUL IN STRAIGHTENING OUT THE PROBLEM.
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